

No. 46963-4

COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION II
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

ROLFE GODFREY and KIRSTINE GODFREY, husband and wife
and their marital community composed thereof,

Appellants,

v.

STE. MICHELLE WINE ESTATES LTD, dba CHATEAU STE.
MICHELLE, a Washington Corporation; and SAINT-GOBAIN
CONTAINERS, INC.,

Respondents.

and

ROBERT KORNFELD,
Additional Appellant.

APPEAL FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR PIERCE COUNTY
THE HONORABLE KATHERINE M. STOLZ

REPLY BRIEF OF APPELLANT ROBERT KORNFELD

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I. REPLY ARGUMENT

Ste. Michelle concedes that remand is necessary because the trial court failed to make necessary findings to support its \$10,000 attorney's fee sanction imposed personally on Mr. Godfrey's counsel, Robert Kornfeld. (Response to Brief of Kornfeld 2) And instead of rebutting Mr. Kornfeld's assertion that the vast majority of the fee award was unrelated to the "failure" to file a separate Joint Statement of Evidence, Ste. Michelle provides a laundry list of citations to underlying pleadings, stating they "contest[] his arguments." (Response to Brief of Kornfeld 1-3) But this Court does "not permit litigants to use incorporation by reference as a means to argue on appeal." *Diversified Wood Recycling, Inc. v. Johnson*, 161 Wn. App. 859, 890, ¶ 75, 251 P.3d 293, *rev. denied*, 172 Wn.2d 1025 (2011). Because Ste. Michelle has not presented any responsive argument, Mr. Kornfeld stands on the reasons set forth in his opening brief for reversing the fee sanction or alternatively instructing the trial court that its fee award should not exceed \$1,300, the most that could possibly be attributable to the "failure" to file a separate Joint Statement of Evidence.

Additionally, Judge Stolz's failure to recuse herself when presented with a timely affidavit of prejudice under RCW 4.12.050

rendered all of her subsequent rulings void. *Harbor Enterprises, Inc. v. Gunnar Gudjonsson*, 116 Wn.2d 283, 293, 803 P.2d 798 (1991). As the trial court had no authority to deny Mr. Godfrey's statutory right to a new judge, all subsequent rulings by her, including the sanctions imposed against Mr. Kornfeld, are void.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2015.

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